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UPDATED REGULATIONS AVAILABLE FOR GLEN CANYON NRA & RAINBOW BRIDGE NM

Page, AZ Superintendent Kitty L. Roberts announced the availability of the revised Compendium for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) and Rainbow Bridge National Monument (NM). The Compendium establishes designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions within the boundaries of both areas under the provisions of Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Regulations listed in the Compendium are for the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources and the health and safety of park visitors.

New regulations this year include:

- To preserve the scenic, cultural, and experiential values of the desert riparian habitat within Coyote Gulch, dogs and other companion animals are prohibited from entering Coyote Gulch within the boundaries of Glen Canyon NRA and applies to dogs or other pets used to carry or transport recreational equipment or food. This prohibition does not apply to guide dogs accompanying visual impaired persons or to hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing impaired persons.
- The 3- year experimental program to allow spear and bow fishing has been further defined to assure compliance with State law except, contrary to Utah law, <u>only</u> stripers and carp may be taken. Archery and spear fishing equipment are considered as weapons and must conform to all federal law as outlined in 36 CFR 2.4. Additionally, bow/spear fishermen should be aware of the following:
 - o No bow/spear fishing within ¼ mile of any structure. (the definition has been changed to include marinas, docks, or breakwaters.
 - o There must be a minimum of 100 yards separation between the activity and other boats or parties.
 - o Bow/spear fishing is closed for the protection of threatened/endangered species in any area determined to contain endangered species critical habitat. Areas currently closed include the San Juan River arm from Neskahi Canyon upstream and the Colorado River arm from North Wash upstream including the Dirty Devil River.

• Due to the number of fatalities and critical injuries sustained from cliff jumping and diving, it is prohibited for any person to dive or jump off of rock cliffs, ledges, or man- made structures (excluding vessels) within the boundaries of Glen Canyon NRA, including Lake Powell, and its tributaries. (Cliff or ledge is defined as any formation of rock or soil, or combination thereof, having a height of 15' or more above the water surface.) The NPS does not advocate or promote the activity of cliff diving/jumping regardless of the height of the cliff feature to the water surface.

The complete Compendium is located under "Management Docs" on the NRA's web site at www.nps.gov/glca. Hard copies of the maps included as "Attachment A" to the Compendium, showing sites for assemblies and distribution of printed matter, are available by writing the Superintendent, P.O. Box 1507, Page, Arizona 86040.